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HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AND HAS FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT (IN REFGRAM) A NOTE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL INVITING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN A SEMINAR ENTITLED "NATIONAL AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS SEMINAR, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 18-29, 1978. THIRTY-TWO U.N. MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SESSION AND EACH IS REQUESTED TO NOMINATE ONE CANDIDATE AND TWO ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS.
 2. THIS MISSION IS IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING IDEAS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SEMINAR AGENDA FROM MEMBER
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STATES OF THE HR COMMISSION NOT INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR. WE WILL FORWARD ANY USEFUL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE AS THE DEPARTMENT SEES FIT.

3. AFTER REVIEWING THE AGENDA, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ALLOW FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF IDEAS BEYOND THOSE PRESENTED IN THE

OUTLINE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION AND INTRODUCE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES EITHER IN U.S. WORKING PAPERS OR THROUGH INTERVENTIONS.

4. MISSION HAS NO SUGGESTIONS FOR HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL AND ROGER BALDWIN (FORMER CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION) SERVE AS ALTERNATE DELEGATES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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